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In re Application of :
Tadashi ENOMOTO, et al. :
Serial No.: 10/076,519 : Group Art Unit: 1731
Filed: February 19, 2002 : Examiner:
For: METHOD OF FORMING SOOT PREFORM

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

We are in receipt of the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers mailed March 11, 2002.

In response to this Notice, submitted herewith are:

1. 3 sheets of Formal Substitute Drawings in compliance with CFR 1.84.
2. Request for Approval of Drawings Amended
3. Certified Priority Document

If anything further is needed, please contact the undersigned immediately.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including



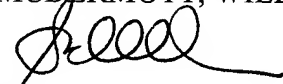
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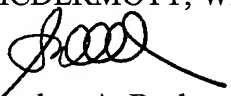
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Approval of the changes made to Figures 1A - 1B, 2A - 2B, 3 A - 3C and 4A - 4C, as shown in red ink on the attached photocopies, is courteously solicited.

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NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - Drawings must be reasonably free from erasures and must be free from alterations, overwritings, interlineations, folds, and copy marks.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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